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SUBJECT: PRC MEDIA ON FORD TRAVELS TO EUROPE AND US

RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE

1. IN AN UNUSUAL MOVE, AT THE OUTSET OF THE PRESIDENT'S NATO TRIP, NCNA ON MAY 29 CARRIED A LENGTHY AND APPROVING REPORT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS AND HIS MAY 23 INTERVIEW WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. NCNA QUOTED THE PRESIDENT'S REITERATION OF THE US COMMITMENT TO NATO AS A CORNERSTONE OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND NOTED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT THAT THE AIM OF THE TRIP IS TO SOLIDIFY AND STRENGTHEN US ECONOMIC, DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPE. AMONG OTHER POINTS, NCNA PICKED UP THE PRESIDENT'S ASSURANCE THAT US EFFORTS TOWARD DETENTE DEPEND UPON A STRONG

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DEFENSE AND WOULD NOT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF US INTERESTS

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

2. IN HONG KONG, LOCAL COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS HAVE INCREASED THEIR ATTENTION TO EUROPE AND HAVE PUBLISHED COMMENTARIES ON THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP AS WELL AS THE PROBLEMS FACING NATO.

3. COMMENT: PRC MEDIA CUSTOMARILY COMMENT ON THE FOREIGN TRAVELS OF THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER US OFFICIALS ONLY AT THE CONCLUSION OF A VISIT AND GENERALLY DEPICT SUCH TRAVELS AS SPARKING OFF ANOTHER ROUND OF FIERCE CONTENTION BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS. ALTHOUGH A MAJOR PRC PROPAGANDA THEME IS THE INCREASED SUPERPOWER CONTENTION BEING FOCUSED IN EUROPE, THE REPORTAGE ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAS THUS FAR BEEN COMPLETELY DEVOID OF THIS USUAL CRITICAL INPUT. THE CHINESE OBVIOUSLY LIKE WHAT THE PRESIDENT IS SAYING.  
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